

1

♠ 65
♥ AKQ107
♦ KQ
♣ K865

♠ AKJ82
♥ 92
♦ 32
♣ QJ109

♠ 1043
♥ 543
♦ 8765
♣ A32

♠ Q97
♥ J86
♦ AJ1094
♣ 74

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♠ 3

East leads LOW from 10xx in partner's suit. After cashing a second spade, West knows to shift and the ♣ shift beats the contract.

2

♠ 1098743
♥ K1098
♦ 4
♣ 87

♠ KJ
♥ J32
♦ QJ1062
♣ KJ6

♠ Q65
♥ A5
♦ A53
♣ AQ432

♠ A2
♥ Q764
♦ K987
♣ 1095

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♥ 4

Prefer majors to minors when on lead. The opponents won't have lots of hearts on this auction (but might have lots of either minor).

3

♠ KQ
♥ A9
♦ K6
♣ KQJ10976

♠ 762
♥ K74
♦ J98743
♣ A

♠ 3
♥ Q86532
♦ 1052
♣ 832

♠ AJ109854
♥ J10
♦ AQ
♣ 54

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 4

West leads a heart, his best chance.

4

♠ KQ109
♥ 543
♦ J10
♣ KQ97

♠ 87542
♥ AKQ8
♦ 6
♣ A62

♠ J
♥ J109
♦ A9854
♣ 8543

♠ A63
♥ 762
♦ KQ732
♣ J10

Dealer: West
E-W VulnerableH

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: H5

North should lead a trump, since he anticipates declarer will ruff spades in dummy. Only a trump lead beats it.

1

♠ Q75
♥ K4
♦ A876
♣ AQJ4

♠ K986
♥ 109
♦ K54
♣ 9862

♠ 42
♥ QJ873
♦ Q92
♣ K73

♠ AJ103
♥ A652
♦ J103
♣ 105

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ 10

West must cover the ♣ 10. East must cover the ♠ Q. West should not cover the first diamonds.

2

♠ 10987
♥ QJ2
♦ 952
♣ 1075

♠ J3
♥ A7654
♦ AK3
♣ Q82

♠ AQ62
♥ 10983
♦ 4
♣ K963

♠ K54
♥ K
♦ QJ10876
♣ AJ4

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 ♦
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♦ Q

If/when dummy's ♥ 10 is played, North must not cover. South must cover the ♠ J. On declarer's low club lead, South must play low.

3

♠ J1092
♥ K3
♦ QJ74
♣ J72

♠ Q643
♥ 654
♦ AK3
♣ A53

♠ A
♥ QJ109872
♦ 65
♣ Q108

♠ K875
♥ A
♦ 10982
♣ K964

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ J

If/when declarer leads spades from dummy, south plays low. On declarer's ♥ Q lead from hand, North must play low. When a low club is led from dummy, South must play low to give declarer a guess.

4

♠ QJ9
♥ AQ3
♦ A87
♣ AQ32

♠ K653
♥ 762
♦ QJ9
♣ 875

♠ 1042
♥ 10984
♦ 5432
♣ 96

♠ A87
♥ KJ5
♦ K106
♣ KJ104

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ 10

East must not cover the first spade honor from dummy. East must split his diamond honors if dummy leads low. Still, with a proper view, declarer can endplay East.

1

♠ A765
♥ AK
♦ J52
♣ AJ102

♠ Q108
♥ 98764
♦ K76
♣ 98

♠ J9
♥ QJ105
♦ A1098
♣ 763

♠ K432
♥ 32
♦ Q43
♣ KQ54

Dealer: North
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

After a normal Stayman auction, East leads the ♥Q. If declarer starts diamonds, he should lose 3 tricks in that suit. Instead, he should draw 2 trumps, eliminate the clubs and hearts, and throw the defense in with the 3rd spade to break diamonds.

2

♠ 532
♥ KQ10
♦ AJ94
♣ 762

♠ A1094
♥ 8765
♦ 3
♣ AQ95

♠ KQJ876
♥ 943
♦ 2
♣ J84

♠
♥ AJ2
♦ KQ108765
♣ K103

Dealer: East
N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 ♠	3 ♦
4 ♠	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♠ A

East opens 2♠ and after South's overcall, West bids a LAWful 4♠S. North guesses to bid 5♦ against which the ♠A is led. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps (while stripping spades in the process) and cashes three hearts ending in dummy. When he plays a club and East plays low, South inserts the ♠10 and claims (if East played the jack, South would cover with the king and also have a claim).

3

♠ 3
♥ 9765
♦ AQJ
♣ J10986

♠ KQ98
♥ A4
♦ K7642
♣ 43

♠ AJ10765
♥ K3
♦ 1095
♣ A5

♠ 42
♥ QJ1082
♦ 83
♣ KQ72

Dealer: South
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♥ Q

After a straightforward auction, South leads the ♥Q. Declarer should not play diamonds himself. He can guarantee the contract by drawing trump, stripping the hearts and exiting with Ace and a club. When the defense has to break diamonds, declarer is sure not to lose 3 tricks in the suit (just cover any card South plays).

4

♠ KQJ10
♥ J876
♦ 2
♣ J986

♠ 5
♥ 432
♦ AJ10987
♣ K43

♠ A432
♥ AQ9
♦ KQ65
♣ A2

♠ 9876
♥ K105
♦ 43
♣ Q1075

Dealer: West
Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		2 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass		
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ K

After West's weak 2♦, East can explore for slam with 2NT. West can show his club feature and East has no reason to use Blackwood--he just jumps to slam. Declarer wins the ♠A, ruffs a spade and draws trump while also stripping the black suits. He leads a heart from hand and covers anything North plays to claim his contract.

1

♠ AQJ1095
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 94
 ♣ AQJ5

♠ 6
 ♥ AK64
 ♦ K1062
 ♣ K1097

♠ 74
 ♥ J10975
 ♦ AJ53
 ♣ 63

♠ K832
 ♥ Q32
 ♦ Q87
 ♣ 842

Dealer: North
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Dbl	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥ J

The defense leads and continues hearts. Declarer trumps high (saving the ♠5). He draws 2 rounds of trump ending in dummy (saving a second dummy entry). He takes a club finesse and then crosses in trumps to repeat the finesse.

2

♠ J972
 ♥ Q103
 ♦ 107
 ♣ QJ105

♠ A10
 ♥ AK986
 ♦ K84
 ♣ A42

♠ 864
 ♥ 542
 ♦ AQJ3
 ♣ 863

♠ KQ53
 ♥ J7
 ♦ 9652
 ♣ K97

Dealer: East
 N-S Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♣ Q

Declarer has to lose 2 clubs and at least 1 heart (needing a 3-2 break). The spade loser can go on the diamonds. After winning the ♣A, declarer must play ace, king AND ANOTHER trump. If he doesn't play the third trump, North can ruff the 3rd diamond and declarer never gets the 4th diamond.

3

♠ AQ4
 ♥ 432
 ♦ QJ86
 ♣ KJ6

♠ J9762
 ♥ Q10
 ♦ A52
 ♣ 984

♠ K103
 ♥ J975
 ♦ 94
 ♣ 10753

♠ 85
 ♥ AK86
 ♦ K1073
 ♣ AQ2

Dealer: South
 E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♠ 6

Declarer has 6 top tricks and can knockout the ♠A to get 3 more. He can't afford the ♠Q at trick one. If it loses (as it does), the spade continuation sets him. He plays LOW from dummy and can't be defeated.

4

♠ KJ9
 ♥ 864
 ♦ QJ109
 ♣ Q107

♠ 1062
 ♥ J9
 ♦ AK8542
 ♣ A4

♠ A743
 ♥ AK
 ♦ 73
 ♣ K8652

♠ Q85
 ♥ Q107532
 ♦ 6
 ♣ J93

Dealer: West
 Both Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♥ 5

Declarer has 7 top tricks. He should test diamonds with the ace and king. If they split, he concedes a diamond and has an overtrick. When they don't split, he tries clubs and the 3-3 split sees him home. Ducking a diamond first is wrong, because it puts all the eggs in that one basket.